

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION:

Claims 23-25 have been cancelled. Claim 26 has been added. Claims 1-11, 16-22 and 26 are pending and under consideration.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103:

Claims 1-11 and 16-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Yacoub (U.S. Patent 6,552,813), in view of Carpenter et al. (U.S. Patent 6,477,581).

Present Invention

Using independent claim 1 as an example, this claim recites a first computer comprising resource information managing means for managing information relating to hardware or software and resource information processing means for taking out the content of said resource information managing means. Claim 1 also recites a second computer comprising resource setting means to receive the content of the hardware or software information transmitted by the resource information processing means.

Claim 1 further recites plural connecting means capable of connecting and disconnecting a computer.

New claim 26 depends from claim 1 and recites that the resource setting means directly receives the content of the hardware or software information transmitted by said resource information processing means.

Dependent claim 22 recites that a user controls the resource setting unit to set the hardware or software.

Yacoub

Column 6, line 46 to column 7, line 37 (and FIG. 3 described therein) of Yacoub teaches that a print job is spooled to a server and then after the server selects the printer, and the job is spooled from the server to the printer (operations 330-350). Thus, the second computer does not receive the content of the hardware or software information, as recited in claim 1. Since this

feature is not disclosed, resource setting means does not directly receive the content of the hardware or software information, as claimed in claim 26. Furthermore, since the server selects the printer, this reference does not disclose that the user controls the resource setting unit to set the hardware or software, as recited in claim 22.

Thus, the present invention is advantageous as compared to Yacoub. First, conversion of print data is not necessary in the present invention, whereas the temporary spooling of Yacoub requires data conversion. Furthermore, a user is allowed to select a printer according to his own preference in the present invention, and is not forced to accept the server's selection, as in Yacoub.

Carpenter

The Examiner admits that Yacoub does not teach connecting means capable of connecting and disconnecting a computer. Instead, the Examiner relies Carpenter. However, this reference relates to a completely different environment from the present invention and Yacoub. Thus, the Examiner's combination is not proper. In particular, Carpenter generally relates to an environment including extensive moving ranges of users (i.e., portable PCs, mobile phones) with a variety of different connection procedures. Carpenter, FIG. 1. However, Yacoub generally relates to an environment with several clients and several printers. Yacoub, col. 7, ln. 39-42.

Based on the above, withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

CONCLUSION:

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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